





THE
RELIGION OF NATURE

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WHAT IS TRUTH?

The laws of gravitation pervades all nature. Nature's physical laws animate and give life wherever conditions are favorable. Life involves subsistence, temperature an important factor, sun, air, water and other phenomena we know not of, are essential to life. The absence of subsistence death ensues, when life is extinct dissolution is inevitable. The dead body returns to earth, from whence it came. It is a profound physical law that when dissolution has taken place it cannot be reanimated and rise from the dead. These laws are irrevocable as the law of gravitation. The moral instinct is inborn and is part of our nature as manifested in development of the brain. Brain the index of mind and character. A well-balanced brain is essential to the ideal man and will always be enlisted in favor of virtue and opposed to vice. Christ seems to have been intensely imbued with the higher ideals and moral precepts. The principles that he taught will live through all time. His physical body went the way of all flesh. We cannot ignore the laws by which we live and have our being. We cannot transgress the moral or physical law without incurring the penalty. Nature's laws don't forgive. Debauchery and intemperance means misery and death. We have a principle within us we call conscience that says: "Do to others as we would have them do to us." Benevolence and other morals, sentiments that are inborn go to make the ideal man. All are in harmony with truth and the laws of nature. There are persons whose strong animal nature dominates all else and moral perception becomes obsolete. We stand aloof and contemplate the persistent sectarian strife to get possession of the youthful mind, knowing full well that an impression formed on the youthful mind will be hard to eradicate, hence, the importance of first impression. It is the utmost importance that these impressions be founded in truth which transcends all other considerations. The persistent reiteration of a falsehood by a person high in authority and in sanctimonious garb, brought to bear upon the youth of the community, with persistent reiteration of sanctimonious ceremony impresses on the minds of the victims a falsehood that never can be eradicated. It remains a falsehood and never can harmonize with truth. **Here is the foundation of all bigotry and superstition.**

The so-called Christian Theology is founded on the assumption that Adam, the first man, was created perfect, but in consequence of his little escapade in the Garden of Eden, human nature became totally depraved and the whole human race doomed to everlasting torment after death. It has been affirmed by the great evangelical alliance that the total depravity of human nature in consequence of Adam's fall, is the fundamental Doctrine of Christian Theology. Now the question arises: Do we accept the Bible history of creation as true? Can we find a person of ordinary intelligence that believes that the world was created in six days? This theory is found to be erroneous, what is the result? answer: bigotry and superstition. A falsehood by persistent reiteration may pass for Truth, but it can never harmonize, it is still a falsehood. The Christian religion has been taught for 1900 years and is face to face with a theory directly opposite as the poles and which is sustained by living fact, man is found in all stages of development, from the lowest type little above the animal, to the full development of the ideal man. The human race are instinctively religious beings, in all stages of development wherever they are found they have some crude form of worship. Conditions and surroundings are important factors in development. This inborn instinct is susceptible to moral influences, as witnessed in the various stages.

As to the teachings of Christ, owing to lapse of time, copying and recopying by different men at different times we have nothing that can possibly be accepted as authority, especially as we see the worst frauds practised in the name of Christ. They make merchandise of the ignorance of their dupes—the name of Christ is their stock-in-trade together with the torments of hell or purgatory as a consequence of Adam's fall. The most gigantic frauds are the most successful as to wealth and power that threatens the stability of our government. Our best thoughts would surmise that Christ taught the simple religion of nature, justice, truth and love. We turn to nature's laws in search for truth. We know that they are God's laws. They tend to the advancement of all creation. That to live in harmony with those laws is to live near to God.

If I am wrong I am open to conviction, but we must follow the guidance of enlightened reason.

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